KUNNAMKULAM—PARK—LOCATION OF

65. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—(*a*) whether there is a proposal to have a park at Kunnamkulam ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative where they propose to locate same ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

TERM OF THE PRESENT COUNCIL—EXTENSION OF

66. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations and requests from the public that the term of the present Council should not be further extended ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They have received representations.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has the Government taken any action regarding these representations ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It has been decided that there will be an election.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Already decided ?

Mr. President : What is the question ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Whether it has already been decided to have an election ?

Mr. President : Has it not been announced ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It has been given to the Press.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* It is decided. Then will the Government make every convenience for the conduct of election ?

Mr. President : It is not in Government's power to make any convenience.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government remove the ban on public meetings which is highly necessary for the election ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That matter is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the necessary voters' list in print will be available for use ? I ask this question because of the notification.

Mr. President : The date of the election will depend upon the preparation of the voters' list.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam) :* May I request the Government to have the date of the election fixed in the first week of Edavam or the last week of Medam ?

Mr. President : I have already said that the date of the election will have to depend upon the date when the new lists are ready. It will be fixed as early as possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government prepared to make some paper available to the candidates ?

Mr. President : No, Sir.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the short time which has been given now to submit objections, will the Government be pleased to extend the time that is at present fixed ? The period may be extended by one week for putting in new claims and objections.

Mr. President : I do not think that it is necessary.

INTERPELLATIONS AND NAMES OF THE MEMBERS PUTTING THEM—COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

67. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—(*a*) whether it is the practice obtaining now to show the name of the questioner in the Official Memoranda despatched to the Departments for the collection of information on questions submitted to the Council ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative are they aware of the reactions on the person who submitted the question long before answers reach the Government at the hands of the Departmental subordinates ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government have any objection to omit the names ?

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Mr. President: Would the Hon'ble Member be good enough to indicate what this question implies?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I submit that it is contained in sub-division (*b*).

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member has not explained the implications of the question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government aware that when names are given to the Departmental Heads there will be some sort of feeling against the person who puts the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the quarters concerned will have any difficulty if the names are omitted?

Mr. President: No, no difficulty whatever.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then, Sir, will the Government follow that hereafter?

Mr. President: Are the Hon'ble Members ashamed of their names being given out in this way?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Not that we are ashamed, Sir, but the nature of the questions which necessity compels us to put has got its reactions by being not allowed to be attending to what we normally attend to, by being pestered by persons who may be adversely affected by the questions?

Mr. President: May I suggest to Hon'ble Members that this withholding of their names in this connection is entirely opposed to the principles of publicity which should attend all the proceedings of this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are much obliged to the Chair for that attitude, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I put it to the Government—when questions relating to the Ministerial Departments are put, we can understand it—but with reference to the bureaucratic part of the Government, it is the servants whose conduct is being questioned. That is the implication.

Mr. President: What information is the Hon'ble Member asking for?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am asking whether the Government is aware of the difficulties on account of the putting the names in the questions?

Mr. President: Government do not understand there is any difficulty.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are the Government aware that some members of the legislature withdraw their questions before they are answered?

Mr. President: I hardly think that arises from the question on the paper.

ADVOCATE-GENERAL—STATUS OF

68. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present salary of the Advocate-General;

(*b*) the status of the office in the matter of precedence at State ceremonies and occasions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Rs. 250—400.

(*b*) He was placed between the Chief Medical Officer and the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts in the list for Athachamayam. 1120.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to give a pay to the Advocate-General commensurate with the high office that he holds?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government want notice. The question requires consideration.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Advocate-General does not hold the status of a Puisne Judge of the High Court according to the Constitution Act?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The qualifications for the Advocate-General and a Judge of the High Court are the same.

Mr. President: May I say that qualifications are not the same as status.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not the Advocate-General Sir, the Legal Adviser of the Government?

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